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## PLAN TO IMPROVE CITY WATER WORKS

Special Committee of the Commercial Club Met to Formulate Plan for Increase.

There was a meeting of the special committee of the Commercial Club on water works, at the club rooms yesterday afternoon.

There was a full discussion of the city's condition relative to water supply and brought out the fact, already known to many, that a most serious condition confronts the people of Vinita. The bonded indebtedness of the city has nearly reached the limit under law and the issue voted at the recent election has not been sold. Insurance rates have been raised about twenty per cent within the last year. This item alone takes from the business district \$3,000 to \$4,000 annually. The hazard from fire in the business district cannot be overestimated.

The financial condition of the local plant was considered and the committee unanimously decided to urge the council to put in meters so as to increase the revenues from the water works. The example of other cities was cited.

The committee learned that the mayor and city council had already given the matter thorough consideration and action could be expected soon. The committee decided to report to the club the present status of the situation, and to be present at the meeting of the council and offer suggestions for the improvement of the system.

The plan of piping water from Cabin creek for fire protection and other uses was discussed at length. The estimate of the expense and benefits to be derived therefrom will be submitted to the council for consideration.

Those of the committee present at this meeting were: Dennis H. Wilson, chairman; F. S. E. Amos, John Wise, C. B. Rogers, F. M. Smith and Judge L. F. Parker.

### Expect Strike to End Soon.

Kansas City, Mo., April 13.—When the representatives of the coal miners and mine owners of the southwest, resumed the joint conference today, both sides appeared confident that an agreement ending the strike that began April 1, might be expected soon.

## EIGHTEEN HOURS REIGN OF CRIME AT TULSA

Tulsa, Okla., April 13.—The past eighteen hours has been one of crime in this city. Two men who are suspected of having robbed a man in Vinita of \$300 broke jail and escaped. They are still at large.

Officer Barney Cleaver arrested a desperate negro for drunkenness. The negro attacked him with a knife. Cleaver shot him through the neck and fatally wounded him.

Chief of Police Thompson flashed his searchlight in the office of the Farmers and Merchants Produce company and surprised two men who were working at the safe. One of them escaped, the other, giving his name as E. A. Wearing was captured.

## BUSY NIGHT FOR COMMERCIAL CLUB

Will Receive Propositions to Locate Two Large Factories and a Planing Mill Here.

Propositions for the location of two large manufacturing plants will in all probability be submitted to the Commercial Club tonight. Just what these propositions are has not been disclosed, but it is stated they are two of the largest industrial institutions that will locate in the west. The attendance of every member of the club is especially desired at the meeting tonight.

The proposition of locating the Woods planing mill and furniture factory here will also be discussed.

A representative of a large carnival company is here and will attend the meeting tonight and will try to get the club to put on a week's carnival here soon.

It is also probable that some interesting news from Mr. Walters, of the Osage Western railroad will be received.

### Buried Beneath Crushed Stone.

Easton, Pa., April 13.—Eleven men, all foreigners, were crushed to death in the stone quarry of the Nazareth Portland Cement company, near Nazareth, today. A premature explosion tore loose five thousand tons of stone, covering the victims.

## L'FOLLETTE UNSTINTED IN CRITICISM OF WICKERSHAM

**Senate Discusses the Administration Railroad Bill Indirectly in Discussing Gigantic Merger ---Lodge Attempts Defense of Merger--- Arguments Cover Wide Range of Accusation--Tries to Show Roosevelt Suit Dismissed by Attorney General**

Washington, D. C., April 13.—Incidental consideration of the administration railroad bill the merger of the Boston and Maine railroad with the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad through the railroad holding law enacted by the Massachusetts legislature in 1909 was discussed at length Tuesday in the senate.

The principal speech attacking the consolidation in unstinted language was made by Senator LaFollette.

"Federal legislation is a matter in which interstate commerce was largely concerned," he declared, the people of Massachusetts had been taken off their guard by the authorization to the holding company and approvingly quoted the chairman of the Massachusetts house committee on railroads when he stated that Governor Draper had been compelled to accept Mr. Mellen's ultimatum.

When LaFollette concluded Lodge of Massachusetts entered upon a statement of facts intended to show that Mr. LaFollette's outline of the situation had not been accurate. He declared the New Haven road and the Boston and Maine road were not competing lines, and he said that the necessity for the consolidation had been found in the poor financial condition of the latter road, which was such as to render it impossible for it to make necessary improvements.

He asserted that the holding bill had been framed as to safeguard effectively the interests of the people of Massachusetts and depreciated the agitation of a subject by one who was not familiar with the entire situation. He intimated that New England would be able to settle its own affairs and declaring that he held a brief for the New Haven road, said that he spoke only for the people of his state where the consolidation was affected.

The arguments covered a wide range of accusation, but aside from the speaker's desire to hold aloft the merger as a bad example the evident purpose was to contrast the Taft administration with the Roosevelt administration to the disadvantage of the former.

The criticism of Attorney General Wickersham was especially stringent and pointed. It was towards the close of his speech that Mr. LaFollette made his sharpest reference to Mr. Wickersham. He was devoting himself to the condemnation of the pending bill when, rising to his tiptoes, he exclaimed: "Mr. President, is this the 'wise legislation embodying no sudden impulse, but matured views expressed in party council, which the attorney general in his recent speech at Chicago said is pressed for enactment? Is it for legislation such as that that the attorney general commands all who would not be read out of the republican party to get in line?"

Senator LaFollette then devoted his remarks to the Massachusetts state legislation authorizing the acquisition of the Boston and Maine stock by a holding company, but failed to find in this legislation anything like the importance attached to it by Mr. Wickersham. He asserted that Mr. Wickersham had permitted state legislation to supersede, and consumed the large part of the day's session before responses by Senator Lodge and Senator Gallinger were made.

Both of the New England senators defended the merger and upheld the law under which it was made. Mr. LaFollette presented this transaction in great detail for the purpose, he said, of illustrating the possible effect of the enactment into law of the merger provision of the pending railroad bill. He traced the consolidation from the beginning, but gave especial attention to the Massachusetts legislation under which the combination was made effective. It was practically charged by LaFollette that this enactment had been consummated

as the result of the dictation of President Mellen of the New Haven road, who, he intimated, represented the Morgan-Rockefeller interests. He quoted from a member of the Massachusetts legislature a statement to the effect that Governor Draper had responded to an ultimatum from the New Haven interests; he undertook to show that the federal merger suit which had been instituted during the Roosevelt administration had been dismissed at the dictation of Attorney General Wickersham under the Taft administration for the inadequate reason that the Massachusetts legislature had passed the holding bill under which, through an oversight, if a man who is not competent, who is chosen to act, and does act, his acts are valid.

## RAILROADS MAY NOW GET MONEY

Osage Western Like Many Other Projects Delayed by Uncertainty of Eastern Money Markets.

It is the impression of those in Vinita who have watched the eastern stock markets that the Osage Western railroad project has been delayed in the same way that other projects, requiring large capital have been delayed.

It is a well known fact that owing to the pending decision in the Standard Oil and Tobacco anti-trust cases in the supreme court, much money has been withheld. The postponement of these cases has had a remarkable effect upon the eastern markets and interest will be stimulated, and it is hoped that the Osage Western and other western projects will receive the financial support promised them early in the winter. At least it will be known in three or four weeks whether money will be sent west for new railroad development.

## EXPECT LARGE CROWD FOR THURSDAY DINNER

The special dinner, which has for its purpose the bringing of the people of Vinita into closer social relations, will be served at the Congregational church tomorrow evening, beginning at 6:30. The ladies will prepare for and expect at least fifty couples, but will be prepared to take care of many more, if they attend. The affair is for the ladies and gentlemen of Vinita and promises to be a great success.

### Walsh's Health Rapidly Failing.

By Associated Press. Leavenworth, Kans., April 13.—The physical condition of John R. Walsh, the Chicago banker, who is serving a sentence in the federal prison here, is causing the officials uneasiness. Walsh's health has shown no improvement since his arrival in the prison. It is stated that he has broken down greatly during the last few weeks and it is feared he may collapse.

### Found Davis Not Guilty.

The jury in the case of the state vs. Fred Davis, charged with selling a half pint of liquor to Gus Williams, returned a verdict, this morning, of not guilty. This case occupied the attention of the court yesterday afternoon. It is now probable that all of the cases requiring a jury will be disposed of, and the jurors dismissed for the term, this afternoon.

## EMOTIONS OVERCOME MRS. SWOPE IN COURT ROOM

By Associated Press.

Kansas City, Mo., April 13.—After sitting, with fixed countenance and apparent unconcern for two days, in the court room, Mrs. Logan O. Swope gave away to her emotions and wept bitterly as she talked with the newspaper men, soon after the trial of Dr. B. C. Hyde opened today. Recalling her home, when Col. Swope was alive and no serious factional strife was apparent in the Swope family, the gray haired woman contrasted it with the present lonely residence and finally she broke into tears and was led from the court room. While Mrs. Swope talked her daughter, Mrs. Hyde, sat a few feet away laughing and joking with her husband. She did not know her mother was crying, for she could not see her.

Judge Ralph S. Latsch today again ordered that the veniremen be locked up in the custody of the marshal until the jury is obtained. Dr. Hyde expressed discomfiture at the slowness with which the jurors are being obtained.

## GRAFT REVEALED IN SHIP SUBSIDY

Asserts Members Expect No Personal Benefits From Proposed Law—Denies Legislative Bribery.

Washington, April 13.—"You dodged to avoid going back on your associates of the Merchant Marine League of the United States," was the thrust passed to Harvey D. Goulder of Cleveland, Ohio, former president of that organization, by J. H. Rahlston, attorney for Representative Steenerson, at Tuesday's ship subsidy investigation. Mr. Goulder denied the statement, and said he had been entirely frank in his testimony.

Mr. Goulder, William Livingston, of Detroit and Second Assistant Postmaster General Joseph Stewart were Tuesday witnesses at the select committee's inquiry into the charges that the league had reflected upon the integrity of Mr. Steenerson and other members of congress in connection with ship subsidy legislation.

Mr. Goulder testified he had endorsed a note for \$5,000, which he had placed in a bank to the credit of the league that he did not know the source of the note, whether it came from membership dues or whether it came from the officers of the league themselves. He thought the note might have been put in the bank to anticipate the membership dues, so as to have credit to meet expenses.

The officers and members of the league, Mr. Goulder insisted, in urging legislation for the encouragement of the merchant marine, were actuated by purely patriotic motives and for the country's weal, and that so far as he knew none of the officers expected any direct personal benefit from the passage of the ship subsidy bill, and that Mr. Steenerson's statement to the contrary was untrue.

Mr. Goulder said he had no reason to believe that congressmen had been subsidized. His expenses in connection with the league, he said, all told, were a little more than \$1,000, which to some extent he paid himself. He likened the league to a chamber of commerce of a maritime exchange, in that its purpose was educational. Of the other witnesses, Mr. Livingston denied that the league was an organization of interested persons, so far as any expectation of pecuniary profit was concerned. It was sheer patriotism, Mr. Stewart discussed data as to ocean steamship lines.

## INFURIATED MOB TAKES NEGRO FROM OFFICERS

By Associated Press.

Meridian, Miss., April 13.—Tom O'Neil, a negro, who shot and killed Jallor Temple here today, was shot and killed by the officers, in a fight in the basement of the jail. A crowd of two thousand people took O'Neil, before he died, from the officers and carried him to a telephone pole and hanged him. Afterwards the body was lowered, the throat cut and the clothing saturated with kerosene and set on fire. The body was rescued from the mob after the clothing had been burned.

## AGREEMENT MADE TO UNSEAT CANNON

Continued Defiance of Speaker Has Aroused Insurgents to Determination to Vacate Chair.

Washington, April 13.—An agreement has been entered into between the insurgent republicans and democrats, whereby the house will have an opportunity before adjournment to vote on a resolution declaring the chair of the speaker vacant. The insurgents, angered by the repeated declarations of Speaker Cannon that they are "too cowardly to vote to depose the regular republican speaker, have determined to knock the chip off the shoulder of the Danville warrior.

There were conferences between insurgents and democrats Tuesday, with the result that the authoritative announcement was made that the members of the minority party will stand solidly behind a resolution to depose. On the other hand, assurances have been given by the insurgents that a crusade of their side discloses that a sufficient number of republicans will join with the democrats in voting to oust Mr. Cannon.

Regular republicans have been advised of the coalition of the insurgents and democrats in opposition to Speaker Cannon and they are alarmed over the situation. Speaker Cannon appears to be satisfied with it, but his desire to be sacrificed does not meet with the approval of his supporters.

The insurgents will not precipitate the issue at this time. The plan is to get all of the Taft legislation out of the way and bring in a resolution to depose before an adjournment resolution is offered.

The plan to oust Mr. Cannon has reached the point where the insurgents are looking about for a candidate to succeed him in the chair. Some of them announce a purpose to vote for Asher Hinds, the parliamentary clerk of the house. Mr. Hinds has announced that if the speaker is deposed he will resign his office and that any one who brings his name into the speakership contest must do so without authority.

The democrats will not vote for a republican for speaker. Their votes in the event of Mr. Cannon being deposed, will be cast for Champ Clark, of Missouri, the minority leader. Representative Murdock, of Kansas, one of the insurgents, had this to say today:

"In his speech yesterday Mr. Cannon again charged the insurgents with lack of courage. He well knows that no republican will countenance a contest at this time that would jeopardize the administration programme. For that reason he feels safe in defying us. The medicine that he prescribes will be mixed for him before congress adjourns at this session."

If the insurgents adhere to their determination to vote with the democrats to oust Cannon, the prediction is made that the house will be deadlocked for many weeks. It will be impossible for the insurgents and democrats to get together on a candidate. And it may be difficult for the insurgents and the regulars to agree to a compromise. Some republicans are figuring on the probability of the house adjourning without electing a speaker.

Representative Poindexter of Washington, another "insurgent" who, with Murdock, voted some weeks ago in favor of the Burleson resolution to depose Speaker Cannon was caustic. "Cannon's action is foolish," he said.

"He is sitting on a powder mill and it seems to me a pretty reckless performance for him to keep striking matches all around the place. He will touch this thing off some day and he will find himself going up through the dome of the capital.

"The speaker can not eliminate the issue of 'Cannonism' by constantly parading it in the house. The issue is not an incidental or personal one, but is fundamental, and there can be no harmony until it is finally disposed of and disposed of in the right way. Cannon's speech of yesterday was not a particularly fine effort at harmonizing the party."

### Fraud Prosecutions Dismissed.

Guthrie, Okla., April 13.—It developed today that the indictments against Carrell W. Gates, the Los Angeles millionaire, on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government out of thirteen sections of land in northwest Oklahoma and the civil suits for the recovery of the land have been dismissed at Lawton.



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